



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



### Draft Removal Action Workplan Available For Review and Comment For Aero Quality Plating Site

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** November 12, 2007 through December 19, 2007

#### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

A proposal to treat contaminated groundwater at the Aero Quality Plating (AQP) site is open for public comment. The AQP site is located at 710 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, in Oakland. From 1952 to 1985, the AQP site was used to operate a solvent recycler, manufacture degreasing equipment, and conduct metal stripping. DTSC and the U.S. EPA conducted inspections and removed all containerized waste during 1987 to 1988. Periodic groundwater monitoring, overseen by DTSC has been conducted since 1994. The AQP site is currently occupied by the All Star Pallet Company. The future site use is expected to remain industrial.

Present investigations at the AQP site have found that groundwater beneath the site is contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,2-dichloroethene (DCE). The contamination is at levels which require treatment or cleanup. Groundwater deeper than 35 feet below the surface has not been significantly impacted. Shallow groundwater in this area has been designated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board as a potential drinking water source. However, current zoning and the availability of public drinking water sources indicate that the shallow groundwater in this area will not be used for drinking water in the foreseeable future. The East Bay Municipal Utility District supplies required domestic, agricultural and industrial water for the City of Oakland.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) proposes to cleanup the contaminated groundwater through a treatment called enhanced in-situ bioremediation. This treatment involves injecting a biodegradable substance, in this case a Hydrogen Release Compound (HRC) solution, into the contaminated groundwater to help accelerate the natural process of breaking down the contaminants. A cleanup plan called a Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) describes in detail the investigations and proposed cleanup activities for the AQP site. DTSC invites you to review and comment on the Draft RAW. The proposed Draft RAW is available for your review on-line and at the Information Repositories listed below.

DTSC is the lead government agency overseeing soil and groundwater investigation and cleanup at the AQP site.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

DTSC has prepared a Draft Notice of Exemption (NOE). Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the AQP site has any significant impacts on human health or the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Draft NOE which concludes that the AQP site will not result in any impact to human health or the environment. The Draft NOE will be filed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse. The Draft NOE is available for public review on-line and at the Information Repositories listed below.

#### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California, 94710 or email to [Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov). All mail must be postmarked by December 19, 2007. Emailed comments must be received by DTSC no later than 5 PM on December 19, 2007.

A public meeting will be considered if one is requested. Please call or submit a written request for a public meeting, including the significant issues to be raised, to Chao Thao, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3649 or (866) 495-5651 or by email to [Cthao@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Cthao@dtsc.ca.gov) by December 3, 2007.

#### WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and CEQA documents are available for review at the below Information Repositories:

##### **Department of Toxic Substances Control**

DTSC File Room

700 Heinz Avenue

Berkeley, California 94710

By appointment only call (510) 540-3800

##### **Elmhurst Branch Library**

1427 88<sup>th</sup> Aurora

Oakland, California 94621

(510) 615-5727

The Draft RAW, CEQA documents, and other site-related reports are also available on the DTSC website at:

[http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=01340108](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=01340108)

**CONTACT:**

If you have any questions regarding the Draft RAW or CEQA, please contact: Katharine Hilf, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3817 or by e-mail to [Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Khilf@dtsc.ca.gov). For public participation activities, please contact Chao Thao, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3649 or toll-free at (866) 495-5651 or by e-mail to [CThao@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:CThao@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media should contact Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (510) 540-3732 or by e-mail to [ABlanche@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ABlanche@dtsc.ca.gov). Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.